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I have the honour to refer to my report to the Security Council concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia, dated 25 April 1997 (S/1997/340), in which I informed members, inter alia, of my intention to appoint a resident Special Representative for Georgia as a successor to my current Special Envoy for Georgia, Ambassador Edouard Brunner.

I wish to place on record my deep appreciation for his dedicated work of four years.

I now wish to inform members that I have appointed Mr. Liviu Bata (Romania) to the above-mentioned position with effect from 1 July 1997. As the Council is aware, Mr. Bota has been serving as the resident deputy to my Special Envoy for Georgia and as Head of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG) since 1 October 1995. Mr. Bota will be based in Tbilisi and Sukhumi where he will continue to perform the functions of Head of Mission.

The Government of Georgia and the Abkhaz leadership have expressed their continued readiness to cooperate fully with Mr. Bota in his new function.

I should be grateful if you would bring the information contained in the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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